

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, June 13, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Third Floor Conference Room #1

Application: **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 14-003 (Main Ellis Intersection Improvements)**

Applicant: City of Huntington Beach
Public Works Department
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Contact: Darren Sam, Senior Civil Engineer
Phone: 714-374-1619

Request: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with a City-initiated proposal to modify and reconstruct the median island on Main Street and remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and Ellis Avenue to prohibit left turns on Main Street to and from Ellis Avenue. The existing geometric and operational condition of the Main Street/Ellis Avenue intersection presents challenges that result in substantial traffic delays and higher than average accident rates at the intersection. By prohibiting left turns into and out of Ellis Avenue from Main Street by extending the raised median and removing the traffic signal, improved safety and increased operational efficiency would be achieved. In addition, the Beach Boulevard/Main Street intersection would have improved traffic flow as the current signal is closely spaced and functionally tied to the Main Street/Ellis Avenue signal, which results in an inefficient operation in order to accommodate the traffic movements at both intersections. The project would not result in an increase in capacity. The project includes a striped break in the median to accommodate emergency vehicles. The project would not remove access to any surrounding properties. However, the way two adjacent properties (an existing Denny's restaurant and an existing gas station) could be accessed from Ellis Avenue and Main Street would be changed. Construction of the project would take two to four weeks.

Location: Main Street and Ellis Avenue Intersection

City Contact: Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner

For information on the above items, please contact the specified City contact person in the City of Huntington Beach Dept. of Planning and Building at (714) 536-5271.